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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masaaki KOJIMA

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**REFERENCES**

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references previously filed in the parent application number 10/220,283, filed September 10, 2002, listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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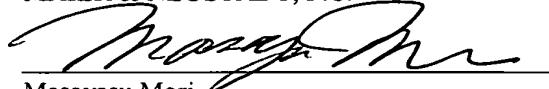
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